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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE
SUMMARIZED REFTEL. COPY OF RUSSIAN ORIGINAL BEING
POUCHED EUR/SOV.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO EMBASSIES AND HAS THE HONOR TO
STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR HAS TAKEN THE
DECISION TO EXPAND TRAVEL POSSIBILITIES ON THE
TERRITORY OF THE USSR FOR HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, PERSONNEL OF THE
EMBASSIES, MILITARY ATTACHES AND THEIR COLLEAGUES,
AND ALSO MEMBERS OF CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

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HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR

FAMILIES MAY VISIT OPEN CITIES AND AREAS OF THE USSR BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT ANY KIND OF REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO THE PROTOCOL SECTION OF THE MFA OF THE USSR. HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS MAY IF NECESSARY TAKE WITH THEM ON A TRIP THEIR PERSONAL TRANSLATOR AND PERSONAL CHAUFFEUR.

TRIPS BY PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSIES AND MILITARY ATTACHES AND THEIR COLLEAGUES MAY TAKE PLACE TO OPEN TOWNS AND AREAS OF THE MOSCOW OBLAST, BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, ALSO WITHOUT NOTIFICATION TO THE PROTOCOL SECTION OF THE MFA OF THE USSR OR THE FOREIGN RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR.

ON TRIPS BY ANY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO TOWNS AND POPULATED POINTS LOCATED ON ROUTES OPEN FOR TRAVEL BY FOREIGN AUTOMOBILE TOURISTS, MEMBERS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED FOREIGN MISSIONS AND ALSO MEMBERS OF CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS NOTIFY IN WRITING, ACCORDING TO THE EARLIER ESTABLISHED FORM, THE PROTOCOL SECTIONS OF THE MFA OF THE USSR AND THE MFA'S OF THE UNION REPUBLICS, THE FOREIGN RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR, OR THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES OF THE MFA OF THE USSR, 24 HOURS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP, EIGHT HOURS OF WHICH MUST COINCIDE WITH A NORMAL WORKING DAY.

CONCERNING TRIPS BY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSIES AND OTHER ABOVE-NAMED FOREIGN MISSIONS TO OTHER TOWNS AND AREAS OF THE USSR OPEN TO VISITS BY FOREIGNERS, WRITTEN NOTIFICATION IS SENT, RESPECTIVELY, EITHER TO THE PROTOCOL SECTIONS OF THE MFA OF THE USSR AND THE MFA'S OF THE UNION REPUBLICS, TO THE FOREIGN RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR, OR TO THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES OF THE MFA OF THE USSR, SHOWING ITINERARY, POINTS AND LENGTH OF STAY, AND ALSO MEANS OF TRAVEL, 48 HOURS BEFORE BEGINNING THE TRIP (THE TIME OF NON-WORKING DAYS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PERIOD).

THE MINISTRY REQUESTS EMBASSIES TO BE GUIDED ON TRIPS BY THE PRESENTLY APPLICABLE LIST OF TOWNS AND AREAS OF THE USSR CLOSED TO VISITS BY FOREIGNERS.

THIS SYSTEM OF TRAVEL BY FOREIGNERS ON THE TERRITORY UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE USSR WILL BE INTRODUCED ON APRIL 5, 1974.

THE MINISTRY TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO EMBASSIES ASSURANCES OF ITS VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 18, 1974. END TEXT. DUBS UNQUOTE CASEY

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